

Sermon Notes

We would love to hear your story!

If you have a story to share of healing, praise, gratitude, serving in a mission or ministry at Victory, please send to hello@victorylutheran.com. (200-300 word limit)

Daily Bible Readings (January 14-20)

Sunday: Mark 4:1-9
Monday: Mark 4:10-20
Tuesday: Mark 4:21-25
Wednesday: Mark 4:26-34
Thursday: Mark 4:35-41
Friday: Luke 8:1-3
Saturday: Mark 5:1-13

*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar our sermon series is based on.

Life Notes

"Beyond Impossible" January 13 & 14, 2024 Mark 5:21-43

Opener: Have you ever wondered how Jesus feels about us when we need healing?

Go Deeper:

1. Mark 5:21-24. What was the greatest "need" Jairus, a synagogue official, had as he approached Jesus? What possible "cost" did Jairus face when he sought out Jesus for help instead of a more prominent Rabbi? What was Jesus' response to the desperate pleading of this father?
2. Read Mark 5:24-34. Jesus was interrupted on His way to Jairus' house as He encountered a desperate woman who needed His help. Without asking, the woman reached out and touched Jesus' cloak. What happened when she did? How did Jesus respond to the woman?
3. Read Mark 5:35-43. The delay has taken to long; word comes, Jairus' daughter has died. Fear must have come over Jairus when he heard the news. What is Jesus' response to the news found in verse 36?
4. The crowd laughed at Jesus when He said, "The child is not dead but asleep." Does the world still laugh at Jesus? How do we respond to their laughter?

Live It:

1. Mark teaches us that Jesus has the power to go "Beyond the Impossible" for only He could heal a woman who no human doctor had been able to cure for 12 years and Jesus was the only one who had the power to restore life to Jairus's deceased daughter. What need do you have in your life that you need to take to Jesus, our God who has the ability to do the possible?
2. We often think we know how and when God should heal us, but the reality is God has a plan for our healing just like he has a plan for every other aspect of our lives. What do you need from Jesus to help you have faith to, "Don't be afraid; just believe!" when healing doesn't happen the way we think it will?

Upcoming Week

Sunday, January 14

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK: JAN 14-21

7-11am Morning Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC
11am Worship, WC

Monday, January 15

9-11:30am Food Pantry
9:30am Grandparenting Course
12:30pm GriefShare, C4
5:30pm Grandparenting Course

Tuesday, January 16

7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS

Wednesday, January 17

9-11:30am Food Pantry
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4
1pm Men's Bible Study, LR
1pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, WC
1:30pm Women's Bible Study, CH
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC
8pm AA Meeting, FS

Thursday, January 18

10am Prayer Group, LR
11am Al-Anon Meeting, FS
11am Stephen Ministry, CH

Friday, January 19

Office Closed

Saturday, January 20

8am Men's Bible Study, FS
9am Stephen Ministry Training, CH
4pm Worship, WC

CH = Chapel
FH = Fellowship Hall
FS = Fireside Room
LR = Luther Room
WC = Worship Center
C4 = Community Room

SAVE THE DATE!

JAN 21: U32 Jazz Concert @ 3pm
JAN 22: Estate & Planned Giving Seminar
1:30-3:00pm
JAN 28: New Member Class @ 12:30pm
JAN 31: PLU Choir of the West @ 7pm

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January 13 & 14, 2024

"BEYOND IMPOSSIBLE"

Mark 5:21-43

 **THE PULSE**

Connect with us!



GOD TIME: Discovering Victory

We are always thrilled when someone joins our congregation, and that was no different when Lois Olson decided to become a member at the age of 93. She had heard many good things about Victory and realized that she had many friends who were already part of our community.

Lois shared with us that she likes everything about Victory: the people, music, messages, services, and she really enjoyed the Christmas Luncheon that was prepared by the Women's Ministry. Lois drives to the church by herself every Saturday afternoon. She has always walked with the Lord and gladly mentioned that she has read the entire Bible cover to cover three times and is now on her fourth reading. Her favorite hymn is "How Great Thou Art."

At 93 years old, walking with God and counting, Lois is truly an inspiration to us on our personal journey with God.

New Member Class 101

Sun, January 28, 12:30-3:30pm (lunch included)

You will learn how Victory's mission (being and making disciples) and vision (building people) directly affect your life. We will explore how Victory provides a specific grace-center to your beliefs, life and mission, answering the question: Of all the churches to be part of, why choose Victory? This session counts as our "membership class" and you will be given the opportunity to become a member or associate member of Victory. But this is far more than an orientation; this is the starting point for everyone — members and non-members. And it could revolutionize the way you engage Victory as a spiritual-growth engine in your own Christian faith and life.

Sign up at the Welcome Desk or online at victorylutheran.com.

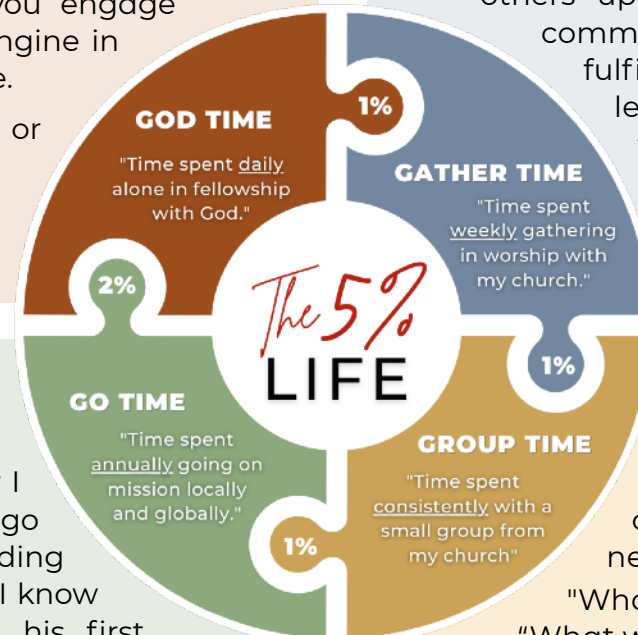


GATHER TIME:

We are delighted to introduce our Head Custodian to those who have not yet met him. Preston started working at Victory just 3 months ago. He has been a real asset to our team.

"I was born in Hendricks, Minnesota, and grew up in Marshall. I graduated from Marshall High School. I have two older brothers and a younger sister. I'm a big sports fan (Timberwolves and Vikings) so in my free time I enjoy watching them. I love to travel and see new places and love anything involving the outdoors (fishing, hiking etc.) so I moved to Arizona for the unlimited outdoor activities and the beautiful year-round weather. I enjoy working for Victory because I believe it is more than just a job, but a vocation. Church is about community. Just as you lift others up who need it, you know that your church community is there to do the same for you. I am fulfilling my most personal purpose and hope to leave each day with a greater understanding that my time and efforts make a positive difference."

Preston Rochel, Head Custodian



GO TIME: Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA)

Rich & Susan Westland

When Rich and I first met in the summer of 1999 he was not a "biker" until after I introduced him to motorcycling by saying, "Hey Rich, we should buy a bike and go riding" to which he replied, "You mean, I should buy a bike and you should go riding with me." I laughed and we both agreed that was what I meant. Well, little did I know how much our lives would change when later that year Rich purchased his first motorcycle. We began our adventure of riding bikes together. God would again change our lives when we met up with a group of bikers from the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) who loved bikes and Jesus. It didn't take long for us to join this organization and off we went biking for Jesus and telling everyone and anyone who would listen to us about God's love for them. CMA's motto is, "Here if you need us" and over the past 20+ years we have witnessed God do miraculous things in the lives of folks we have met along the highways and byways we have traveled along. One person in particular was a 70+ year old man I met in a McDonalds in Arkansas. I struck up a conversation with him, learned he had been in the hospital a few days earlier, and he wanted to know if "death bed confessions" worked. Then he asked me about the Jesus whose cross I worn on the back of my jacket and I shared how Jesus had changed my life. I was in awe as the Holy Spirit gave this man the faith he needed to respond to God's love as he professed Jesus as the Christ who came to give him eternal life.



GATHER TIME: GRANDPARENTING MATTERS

Mondays @ 9:30am or 5:30pm

Excitement is buzzing about the recently launched Grandparenting Matters course at Victory. My wife Anne and I are already exploring uncharted territory with new questions like:

"What do we want our spiritual impact to be on our grandchildren?" Answer: "A lot!"
 "What was the spiritual impact of our own grandparents?" Answer: "Little to none."

We do not want that to be what our grandchildren say! If you have a heart for the spiritual life of your grandchildren, then you need to be part of this course. With five sessions still ahead, we will delve deep into what it means to be an "intentional Christian grandparent."



You will come away learning:

- Biblical Insights on Grandparenting
- Connecting with Your Grandchild's Heart
- Overcoming Distance Barriers
- Best Practices of Christian Grandparents



Even if you missed the first session, rest assured you won't miss out on any of these valuable lessons! Secure your spot at the Welcome Desk or on Victory's website. Whether you sign up or simply show up, if you're a grandparent, this course is tailor-made for you.

Sincerely,

Pastor Todd & Anne Mathison